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CMEs identified for chronic pain management, end-of-life care

Iowa-licensed physicians are required to complete 2 hours of Category 1 activity for chronic pain management and 2 hours of Category 1 activity for end-of-life care every five years. These new requirements, which became effective August 17, 2011, are for physicians who provide primary care to patients (e.g., emergency physicians, family physicians, general practice physicians, internists, neurologists, pain medicine specialists, psychiatrists.)

The following list of CME activity may be applicable to these new requirements. Physicians are encouraged to ascertain the accreditation of these educational activities and their maximum credit values. The activities listed below are not the only sources for CME activity on these topics. Physicians are also encouraged to check with their medical associations to access additional applicable CMEs on chronic pain management and end-of-life care. Please contact the Board, (515) 281-5171 or ibm@iowa.gov, if you have CME activity to recommend for this list.

CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT

- **The Iowa Board of Medicine** is offering, at no charge to Iowa-licensed physicians, a copy of Dr. Scott Fishman's book, "Responsible Opioid Prescribing: A Physician's Guide." This book includes an online CME component. [Click here for details](#)
- **The Iowa Medical Society** is offering a webinar on chronic pain management. Unlike national CME offerings, this course contains Iowa-specific information. [Click here for details](#)
- **The Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association** is offering a two-hour CME activity on chronic pain management at the Upper Midwest Osteopathic Health Conference May 3-6, 2012, in Des Moines. [Click here for details](#)
- **The American College of Physicians Iowa Chapter** is offering CME activity on chronic pain management and end-of-life care at the Iowa chapter's meeting March 30-31, 2012, in Iowa City. [Click here for details](#)
- **The American College of Family Physicians Iowa Chapter/Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association** is offering a one-hour CME activity on chronic pain management at the Midwinter Family Practice Conference January 13-15, 2012, in Des Moines. [Click here for details](#)

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- **The American Journal of Medicine** is offering an online interactive CME activity on managing chronic pain with non-opioid analgesics. [Click here for details](#)
- **The Medical Education Department of Purdue Pharma, L.P.**, is offering several online courses on chronic pain management. [Click here for details](#)
- **The American Medical Association** offers a variety of online CME activity on chronic pain management. [Click here for details](#)

END-OF-LIFE CARE

- **The American College of Physicians Iowa Chapter** is offering CME activity on end-of-life care and chronic pain management at the Iowa Chapter's meeting March 30-31, 2012, in Iowa City. [Click here for details](#)
- **The American College of Family Physicians Iowa Chapter/Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association** is offering a one-hour CME activity on end-of-life care at the Midwinter Family Practice Conference meeting January 13-15, 2012, in Des Moines. [Click here for details](#)